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Summer Quack Grass Herbicide Treatment

July 12, 2004

Dear Interested Public,

The Bureau of Land Management is considering pesticide treatment for federal land located in Township 4 South, Range 3 East, Section 13, Willamette Meridian. This area is located within the Clackamas River watershed.

The activity being considered is applying an herbicide glyphosate to approximately 10 acres of native plant beds to control quack grass (*Agropyron repens*). Quack grass is a difficult noxious weed to control with any other integrated pest control methods as each piece of root will generate a new plant. In addition, harvested seed used for re-vegetation projects may not contain quack grass seed. In preparation for fall planting glyphosate will be applied with a tractor mounted boom sprayer in late summer to control quack grass.

The purpose of this letter is two fold. The first is to inform you of our plans, and second is to solicit your input. Specifically, I would like to hear what issues you believe are important to consider in the planning of management activities in this area. If you have specific information such as the location of springs, trails, or potential environmental effects, please let us know. The enclosed map shows the general location of the proposal. I would appreciate your thoughts on this project and I ask that your comments reach this office by July 24, 2004.

If you would like more information on this project, please contact me at (503) 630-8406. Written comments may be sent to Greg Tyler, Walter H. Horning Seed Orchard Manager, Salem District, Bureau of Land Management 27004 S. Sheckly Road, Colton, Oregon, 97017. Comments may also be sent via E-mail to gtyler@or.blm.gov. Place the name "Quack Grass Treatment" in the subject line so that your comments are directed to the correct office.

Sincerely,

/s/ Greg Tyler

Greg Tyler
Seed Orchard Manager

Enclosures (1): Location Map

Figure 1.2-1: Location of Horning Seed Orchard

